



## JOHN ULRICH AND SUSANNA GERTSCH PROBST

John Ulrich Probst, son of Ulrich Probst Sr., and Anna Barbara Kiener, was born October 18, 1860 at Habstetten, Bern, Switzerland. He married Susanna Gertsch, December 18, 1891 in the Logan Temple. He died September 13, 1950 in Midway.

Susanna Gertsch Probst, a daughter of Conrad Gertsch Sr., and Margaretha or Margareta Gertsch (no relation) Gertsch, was born August 26, 1874 at Wengen, Bern, Switzerland.

## BEAUTIFUL UPON THE MOUNTAINS



John Probst came to Midway July 4, 1872 with his parents. They built a log house with a dirt roof up the Snake Creek. His schooling consisted of three years in Switzerland, some time in the old Midway School, and three winters in the German Hall. He also spent three months at the Brigham Young Academy in Provo.

He worked in the mountains chopping and hauling timber and cordwood for the mines in Park City. For about two and one-half years he worked in the same business at Snyderville. Three years were spent in the white pines. A log cabin was built by John Buchler Sr. and himself. In March and April they would take their yoke of oxen and wagons and haul the wood to the mines. He also spent part of one summer hauling saw logs from Caraboo Canyon to the Mill flat where the Snake Creek tunnel is now located. Bishop John Watkins operated a saw mill there.

In the spring of 1888, he homesteaded 16 acres of land near St. Anthony, Idaho. In the fall of 1891, he met Susanna Gertsch, who had just immigrated to Midway from Switzerland. They were married December 18, 1891 at the Logan Temple. He received a mission call to Switzerland on the 9th of April, 1895. He wrote the following from his life's story: "I sold two beef cows for \$16.00 each, a young five-year old horse, weighing 1100 pounds for \$45.00, another for \$25.00. I received \$75.00 from Lundeen for letting him in on the Probst ditch. All told, my wife and I had about \$400.00 for my mission and it took over \$100.00 to take me to my field of labor. All then that I had left was \$300.00.

Among the most interesting towns I visited while on my mission, was Oberwangen. There I visited the old house we had once lived in where the gospel message had been brought to us by such men as Karl G. Maeser, Willard Richards, Theodore Brad-

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ley, John Huber and others. It was also the place where we had been baptized and had gone to school.

"Also I visited relatives of my wife in the Bernis Oberland. They were both surprised and happy to see me. It had been only four years since my wife had emigrated."

Farming and peddling was the occupation of John Ulrich Probst. Each Friday he would deliver fresh produce, eggs and chickens to the housewives of Park City. They had a big garden, kept a big flock of chickens, his wife churned butter. Thursday was a busy day, cleaning chickens, churning butter, gathering eggs and helping to prepare the load. His wife was up at 3 a.m. on Fridays preparing the breakfast, warming the big rock (in the winter) for his feet, while he harnessed the team. She also kept a hot meal waiting in the evenings upon his return, which was often at 10 or 11 p.m.

Susanna Gertsch Probst attended the schools of Switzerland. Her earliest recollections were helping to herd cows on the Alps, arising early and making lace to sell to help with their support before going to school.

In 1890, missionaries brought the gospel to her family. It was a glorious time for them, and November 1890 she was baptized in a cold stream of water by Conrad Abegglen. The first song she remembers learning was, "Oh Babylon, O Babylon, We Bid Thee Farewell, We're Going to the Mountains of Ephraim to Dwell." That is just what they did. The dear home that they loved was auctioned off, which provided money for their emigration to Zion.

The voyage over was a trying one, the family being seasick all the way. They arrived, however, in September 1891, and came straight to Midway.

The following children were all born in the family home:

Clarence, married Mary Christensen;  
Parley, married Emma Christensen;  
Francis, married Alice Galli;  
Nephi, married Elizabeth Beck;  
Reed, married Cleopha Richards;  
Laura, married Vernon Nelson;  
Ruby, married Glen Rex;  
Owen, married Rosetta Bernards;  
Leah, married Arthur Godfrey;  
David, married Vivienne Stevens;  
Geneva, married Emil Cook.

Susanna Gertsch Probst has been a member and visiting teacher in Relief Society

all of her life, has received many awards for her faithfulness and perfect attendance records. She was also a faithful Primary teacher for several years.

John Ulrich and Susanna Gertsch Probst celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with their eleven children present. Four of their children fulfilled missions. At the time of their marriages all of the children were eligible for temple recommends and were married in the Temples. —

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DATES: 14 Apr 1794

To indicate that a child is an ancestor of the person submitting the sheet, place an "X" behind the number pertaining to that child.

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HUSBAND'S FATHER

HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES

HUSBAND'S MOTHER

(sawmill operator)

Husband

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WIFE'S FATHER

WIFE'S OTHER  
HUSBANDS

WIFE'S MOTHER

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

OTHER MARRIAGES

NECESSARY EXPLANATIONS

JONATHAN SHARP AND  
ELIZABETH THORPE SHARP

Jonathan Sharp was born October 28,

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1807, in Brotherton, Yorkshire, England. His wife, Elizabeth Thorpe, was born July 24, 1808, in Brotherton, Yorkshire, England.

They lived in Leeds, and Goole, Yorkshire, England, after their marriage, and reared a large family. Born to them were eight children: James, James, John Thorpe, Mary Ann, Jonathan Jr., Ann, Maria and Sylena.

Jonathan Sharp's occupation while living in England was engineer. Jonathan Sharp's family was converted to the LDS Church by Mormon missionaries, and the Sharp family entertained the Elders in their home often. A missionary, Mr. Wright from Ogden, Utah, said of Jonathan Sharp, "I loved him like a brother."

When the Sharp family decided to come to America they left with 600 saints, sailing from Liverpool July 14, 1868, on the ship "Colorado," under Captain John G. Holman. With them came their married son, Jonathan Jr., and his wife, Annie Jowett; also their daughter Maria, who later married Frederick Giles.

They were met in Laramie, Wyoming, by Brother William Lindsay of Heber, Utah, and Abe Penrod, a young man from Provo, Utah.

They finally arrived in Heber, Utah, on September 25, 1868, and they lived in Heber until they died. Jonathan Sharp passed away September 18, 1893, in Heber, and his wife, Elizabeth Thorpe Sharp on December 30, 1886, in Heber.

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HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES \_\_\_\_\_

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then 15, was hired to care for his mule teams. Other contractors would keep their mules corraled and just feed them corn. The animals could only stand this fare for awhile and would die and have to be replaced. Alfred would let the Bagley mules go out on the desert at night to get some grass or such to eat and have a little corn. He would go out very early to bring them in for the day's work. By doing this the animals were seldom lost. After this work was finished he worked at the sawmills in Cottonwood Canyon. Later he owned quite a number of cattle.

When she was young, Sarah Jane spent a great deal of time with her Grandmother "Mac," as she was called. She was 17 when she lost her mother. At 18 she and Alfred were married. They lived in Heber quite some time and then moved to Daniel.

She was a joyful person and enjoyed working with young people. She was president of the Primary Association of Buysville Ward from 1895-1901 and of Daniel Ward from 1904-1905. She also served as president of the YLMIA. She worked on the stake board also. They were the parents of 10 children: Alfred Leslie, Nancy Ella,

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